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## SELL IT THROUGH A WANT AD

I have moved my repair shop to my home. I will appreciate your continued patronage. Ward Repair Shop—West Elba. 3aug21c

**FOR SALE**  
Pure-bred O.C. pigs and pure bred Duroc pigs. Be ready to go about August 15th. —R. S. Jones.

**FOR SALE**  
House and lot for sale. Two bedroom home on lot 175 by 175 feet. Located on Brantley highway. Call 463. J. B. Clements. 21jul21c

**SANDWICHES**  
For the best sandwiches in town, come to Johnson's Sandwich Shop. Next to Garrett Motor Company. Irvin Johnson. 21jul21c

**FARMERS**  
For used tractors priced right, see Metcalf Tractor Co., Inc., at Enterprise or at Elba. Farmall "H" Tractor with all equipment. This tractor has been put in good operating condition. VAC Case tractor practically new with cultivator and breaking plow. Ford Ferguson tractors in excellent condition. Good buys. Case side delivery rakes. New idea rakes. Let us help you solve your farm equipment problems. METCALF TRACTOR CO. INC. Elba — Enterprise 4aug71c

**KINDERGARTEN**  
I plan to open a kindergarten Monday, September 5th. I have had seven years experience teaching school and one year kindergarten. Tuition \$2.50 per week. All materials furnished. Enrollment necessary by August 15th. Mrs. G. L. Pinckard. Phone 368. 4aug21c

**NOTICE**  
There will be a free demonstration on water saving and life saving by a representative of the American Red Cross on Tuesday August 9th at 4:00 P. M. at the pool. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this demonstration.

**FOR SALE**  
One table top oil range in excellent condition. See or call Mrs. Grady Wise next to army. Phone 276. 4aug21c

**EASTER LILY BULBS**  
Four to six inch—\$1.00 per dozen. 100—\$5.00 delivered. 500 and up—\$5 each. Bulbs—0 to 4—\$10.00 per bushel. W. W. Summerlin, Lake Placid, Florida. 4aug21c

**FOR RENT**  
One furnished or unfurnished apartment with private entrance and bath. Prefer no children. Mrs. R. L. Cooper. 4aug11c

**FIRST COTTON BOLL**  
Carlton Whitman and Joe Green, operators of an ice delivery truck, brought the first boll of cotton to the Elba office last week. It came from the Ran McCollough place north of Elba.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for the kindnesses shown during the illness and death of our baby brother, Winston Eugene, who died July 8th. Also for the nice cards and for the flowers. Mrs. Willie B. Westbrook and children.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Words cannot express our appreciation for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our daughter, Edna. The floral offerings were especially beautiful and deeply appreciated. May God's richest blessings be with you. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Whitaker. Lloyd Whitaker and family. Glenda Fred Maddox.

## FARMERS

We have completely overhauled our equipment and are ready to give first class service.

WE ARE READY TO  
**GIN YOUR COTTON**  
**BUY YOUR SEED, COTTON & PEANUTS**

Our personnel is thoroughly experienced and anxious to be of service to you.

PLAN NOW TO GIN WITH  
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**Space Maker REFRIGERATOR**

...and get all these features, too!

Butter conditioner... BIG freezing compartment... ample bottle storage space... deep fruit, vegetable and meat drawers... sliding "hotness" shelf... dependable G-E sealed-in refrigerating system!

Come in and see this great refrigerator value.

"The refrigerator most women want most!"

**\$319.00**

**Easy Pay Tire Store**

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### Battery 'A' In Camp At Benning

Members of Btry "A" 933rd FA Bn left their home station Sunday 31 July 1949 enroute to Ft. Benning for summer camp. The 47 year old Negro had evaded execution three times. After his conviction Jack told Detective Sherman Lyons, "All you guys are waiting for me at the pearly gates." Shortly thereafter Lyons died. Five other officers connected with the conviction who were "hexed" by Byrd also died. The last person "hexed" was Jim Faber, reporter on the Tacoma News-Tribune. Faber did not attend the hanging, saying, "I'm staying close to my lucky witch doctor's mask."

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Near Flagstaff, Arizona, on Humphrey's Peak, snow was seen. This mountain is the highest point in Arizona and is 12,611 feet above sea level.

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## Social Activities

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### GUM SPRINGS H.D. CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

The Gum Springs Home Demonstration club held its annual picnic August 4th at the home of Mrs. E. S. Dyess.

At the noon hour the food was spread under a large oak tree in the yard with plenty of fried chicken, breads, cakes, salads and iced tea.

Those present and enjoying this affair were Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dyess, Mr. and Mrs. Corrie Maddox and son, Mr. and Mrs. Will White, Mrs. Annie Mae Elmore and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talbot and family, Mrs. H. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. Manell Harrison and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hardy and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wise and son, Mr. and Mrs. Duval Wise, Mr. George Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mack Dismuke and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maddox, Misses Ethel and Velma Maddox, Doris and Althea Perkins, Mrs. Robert King and Bobby.

Captain and Mrs. R. D. Easters and two sons, Douglas Jr. and Marty were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Vaughan last Thursday.

Captain Douglas Easters, who has been stationed at Fairfield, California, and his family, have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Eva Easters, for several days. He has been ordered to Japan for thirty months and left last Friday for a port in California. He will leave for Japan at an early date. His wife and two sons are residing with her parents in Enterprise for a few months, after which they expect to join him in Japan.

Miss Ann Payne returned to her home here last Sunday from Ridgecrest, N. C. where she has been a member of the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for the past two months.

Mrs. Fulton Clark and Mrs. L. A. Boyd, Jr., visited in Dothan Saturday.

### BONNEAU FAMILY REUNION HELD AT COAST

Mrs. John Bonneau, Jake Bonneau and Mrs. Corine English and Margaret spent last week at the Jackson home on the Gulf coast where Mrs. Hazel Bonneau of Opp entertained the members of the Bonneau family. All members of the family were present except Rudolph, who is in Minnesota.

Present for these festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Hochm Michel and three daughters, Emile, Jarrett and Sharon, of Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Oates Rowe, Enterprise; Mr. and Mrs. Bonneau Rowe and daughter, Ann Page, of Panama City, Fla.; Mrs. John Bonneau, Jake, Corine and Margaret, of Elba; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson and son, Harry, of Opp. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benton and two daughters, of Opp; Mr. and Mrs. Corine West, and Mr. and Mrs. Lander Curton and two children, of Greenville, were Sunday guests of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Curry Taylor, Mrs. Arky Johnson, Miss Frances Brown, and Stanley Prior spent last Sunday in Columbus, Ga. guests of Sgt. and Mrs. John H. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Padgett and Linda and Miss Vintell Smith spent the week-end with relatives in Phenix City and Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Reeves returned home Saturday after a week's visit with relatives in South Carolina.

Messrs. Charlie Lunsford, Melvin Boozer, Elie Brunson, Will Kendrick, Leon Maddox, Donald Redoch, and Alvie Devane attended a Masonic meeting in Brundidge Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rena Vaughn and daughters, Marsha and Rena, of Montgomery, visited in the home of Mrs. Vaughan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris last week.

### MRS. VEAL HOSTESS TO WILLIE KELLEY CIRCLE

Mrs. F. D. Veal was hostess to the Willie Kelley Circle Monday afternoon. The circle chairman, Mrs. C. R. Blackmon, presided. Mrs. Davis Grantham led the devotional using the first Psalm. The mission study book "Soul Winning" was taught by Mrs. J. D. Lowery.

The hostess served refreshments to the 13 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dozier Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Harrison, Captain and Mrs. Charles Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moody and Harold spent several days last week at Panama City, Fla.

Mrs. Charles Lindsey, Mrs. Drexel Cook and Mrs. Mac Cook visited Mrs. Jack Dickert in Brundidge Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sumrall, Geo. L. Sumrall Jr. and Neva Sumrall, of Blokt, Miss were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sumrall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lister Brunson returned Sunday from a ten-day honeymoon trip in Panama and Kentucky. They have moved into an apartment in the Brunson Hotel.

Little Miss Lela Ann Sawyer spent last week at Sunnyside Beach with her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Dorsey.

Misses Genette Fleming and Margaret Whitman are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chambers in Brundidge this week.

Mrs. Charlie Brunson of Andalusia and Mrs. Robert Williams of Montgomery were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Mathis last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush and daughter, Joette, of Andalusia, spent last week in Elba with Mrs. Bush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Blackmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lewis Jr. and sons, Marvin III, and Billy, of Dothan, were week-end guests of Mrs. Lewis' mother, Mrs. Pearl Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Grantham of Albany, Ga., were guests of Mrs. Frank Blair Sunday.

Neima Smith left Monday for Montgomery, where he has accepted a position with an automobile agency.

Miss Edna Ruth Foreman, of Andalusia was a guest in the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. R. Blackmon during the week-end.

Judson Mays, Dusty Rhodes and Ed Powell, of Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., visited Judson's mother, Mrs. Mary Alice Mays, Saturday and Sunday.

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So he took his young delinquent and explained that it was just a picture and not to be taken. During the scene where the slaves were thrown to the lions, the kid grabbed his father's arm.

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So engrossed was the professor in writing his treatise that he forgot to go to the hospital to wait for the birth of his child.

As he sat in his study, completely enveloped in his treatise his secretary came in and told him that the hospital had called.

"You are now the father of a bouncing baby!" he said.

"No," said the professor, still lost in his thoughts, and slightly impatient at the interruption. "You shouldn't come to me about such things. You know my wife always takes care of matters such as that."

No Sap, He  
A sheriff was taking a prisoner to jail. A gust of wind came around the corner and blew off the prisoner's hat. The prisoner made a sudden lunge forward to get it.

"No, you don't, wise guy," said the sheriff. "You stand where you are. I'll run and get it."

Fore!  
A golfer trying to get out of a trap, said, "The traps on this course are very annoying, aren't they?"

"Yes," said the second golfer trying to putt, "would you mind closing yours?"

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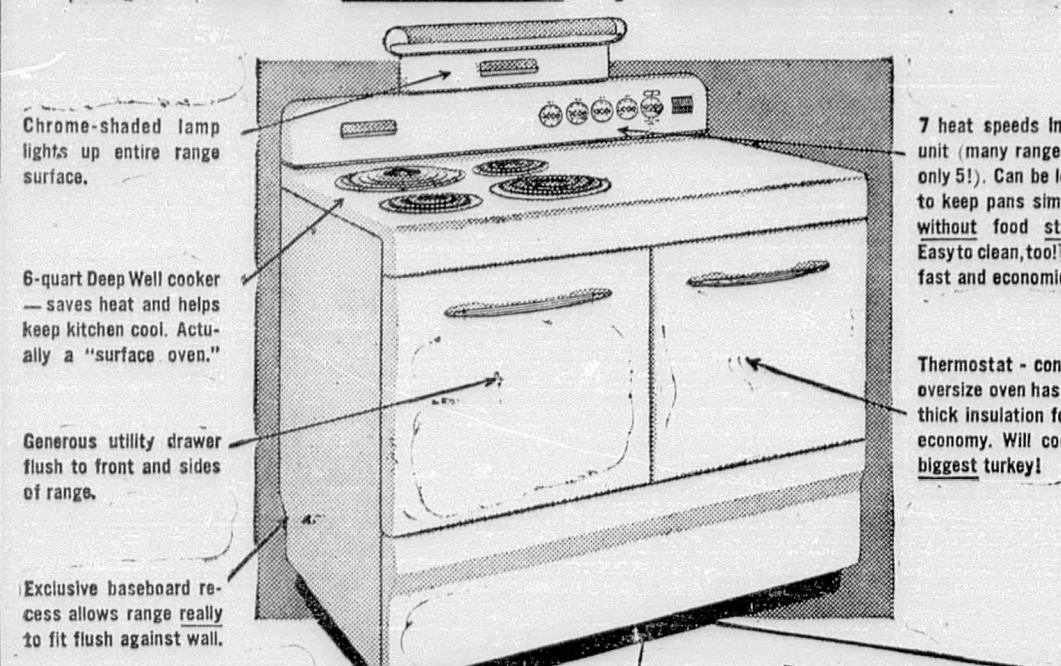
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## ... New Brockton News ...

Mrs. George Hogg, Correspondent

### NEW BROCKTON SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 5; FACULTY IS ANNOUNCED

The New Brockton schools will open for the 1949-50 term on September 5. It was announced this week by Olen D. Robertson, principal.

Members of the faculty will attend the Coffee County Teachers workshop in Elba Thursday and Friday, September 1 and 2. They will attend the annual teachers institute, also to be held in Elba, on Saturday, September third.

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## Farmers Must Break With Past To Get New F.H.A. Advances

### Modern Methods Of Farming Must Be Applied

When the congress appropriated funds for operating loans to farmers through the Farmers Home Administration for this fiscal year, it was unmistakably clear that the agency must administer these funds in a manner that will result in a substantial improvement in the farm and home operations of borrowers, says James S. Pridden, County Supervisor of Coffee County.

In a policy statement to State Director Julian Brown, Administrator Dillard B. Lester emphasized that the credit and supervisory services of the program must promote the kind of agriculture that should be perpetuated.

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Once the mountain ranges were covered with the great, spreading cedars.

Now these slopes, gradually denuded through the centuries, are nearly bare, only a few groves remain.

The cedar is to Lebanon what the American eagle is to the United States. As the emblem of the country, it appears on coins, stamps, military decorations, and official papers.

Lebanon cedars—a hard and lasting wood—were used for thousands of years by civilizations long past.

Other experiments are starting to unravel the process further. If this pure science venture tells how to make silk, it has a by-product of great possibilities for the textile industry, because the knowledge will help scientists synthesize real silk.

NEW YORK—Science, official have announced the creation of radioactive silk. But the purpose is to study cancer and growth, rather than learn how to synthesize silk, which is one job that has baffled chemistry.

The Harvard group used radioactive active carbon atoms to light up the insides of silkworms so that the living process could be seen in photographs.

These atoms were injected into the silkworms, but not haphazardly. Mistake had discovered that a

## Whooping Crane Again Makes Annual Flight Into Canada

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—The whooping crane, a stately bird balanced on the edge of extinction, made the north flight again.

The huge white bird with the rusty head was headed for grounds in Canada that have defied years of search by ornithologists.

Bird-lovers fear the whooper, like the passenger pigeon and the dodo, may become extinct.

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## 100 Horses Expected At Brunidge Horse Show August 25th

On August 25th at 7:00 P. M. at the Brunidge High School Athletic Field there will be one of the most colorful and finest horse shows ever given in this part of Alabama.

The show will have more than 100 horses showing in 17 different classes. Horses will be entered from several different states.

Barbecue will be served beginning at 5:00 P. M. Some 2,000 people are expected to meet at Brunidge and give this initial event the proper thrills.

Saturday morning session: The house was called to order by the chairman, R. H. Moore, singing 32, 36 and 45. Prayer was led by T. W. Loftin, chairman.

First lesson, leaders: J. O. Thames, W. L. Carnley, J. C. Tyler and O. T. Maddox.

Afternoon session: House called to order by the chairman singing No. 274. Leaders: Fred A. Hatcher, Billie Joe Spurluck, Floyd Pennington, Willene Clark, Annie Bell Thames, Nell Lewis, Jack Harrison, Nannie L. Harrison, Foy Mae Grimes, Mary Harrison, Sibyl Grimes, Audia Harrison, Recess.

House called to order by the chairman singing No. 330. Leaders: W. M. McCollough, Elvin Chapman, E. A. Lowery, J. M. Donaldson, L. W. Loftin, J. W. Bassett, Lee Livings, W. J. Anderson, W. D. Wise, C. A. Bradshaw.

## Professor Declares Music Now Lacking Originality

PITTSBURGH—Dr. Curt Sachs of New York university says today's popular music lacks originality.

"All the song writers use the same old clichés over and over again," the 67-year-old music historian said when he came here to speak at Carnegie Tech.

But Dr. Sachs added that the fault doesn't rest completely with the songwriters.

"People prefer what's familiar because it's easier," he said. "Song writers cater to that common human preference."

Dallas County was named in honor of Alexander J. Dallas, of Pennsylvania. Dallas served as an early Secretary of the U. S. Treasury. He was also the father of George M. Dallas, vice-president, 1845-49.

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FRIENDSHIP MEMORIAL  
SINGING JULY 31ST

The Friendship Memorial Sing was held Sunday, July 31st.

The house was called to order by S. M. Davis who sang three songs. Willie Brooks led three songs. Willie Brooks led in prayer after which J. W. Lee sang three songs as an introductory lesson.

The class went into organization and elected S. M. Davis as chairman, J. W. Lee vice-chairman and U. B. Hudson secretary. Chairman sang No. 341 then used the following leaders, three songs each: J. E. Harrison, Jack Smith, James Brooks, J. C. Tyler, A. A. Davis, D. J. Dye, R. H. Moore, Dewey Wise, U. B. Hudson, Vickery Willis.

Mr. J. E. Pittman made a short talk and class dismissed one hour for noon.

Afternoon session: Leaders: L. R. Hickman, I. A. Wilks, Willie Brooks, J. M. Donaldson, L. C. Tyler sang Nos. 517, 500 and 501 by request; I. A. Wilks sang No. 78 by request and R. H. Moore Nos. 436 and 44 by request.

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THE BIBLE  
SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 105-107, 111  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 114

## Singing Holidays

Lesson for August 14, 1949

I AM A CITIZEN of the U. S. A. observed all the holidays that are officially counted as legal, somewhere in his wide country, he would have 43 days off every year. Holidays are a national habit in all countries. Not content with what the law gives us, we take our personal vacations besides. But how many holidays do we sing about? (One might even dare to ask, how many are worth singing about?)

In the United States, there are known to this writer no New Year songs, none for Decoration day or Labor day, none for Armistice day, none for the various birthdays celebrated hither and yon. Who ever heard of a song to commemorate Thomas Jefferson? We may not even have a song for Independence day. On the other hand, we could have too busy working up a sun. On the other hand, we could hardly think of Independence day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The songs that go with them—The Star Spangled Banner or America the Beautiful for the Fourth of July. Now thank We All Our God in November, and all the Christmas and Easter carols.

God and Country

It looks as if some kinds of holidays produce songs and others don't. It appears to be a general rule: If the holiday is specially patriotic or religious, then people sing; otherwise they don't. God and country, in short, arouse emotion and enthusiasm which (for example) the memory even of a great man like Jefferson, or the planting of a tree, does not. This is generally true throughout the world. It was true in ancient Israel, for many of the Psalms are holiday hymns, festival songs. Some years ago a religious denomination issued a new hymn book. One minister roundly denounced the book because it had introduced a few patriotic hymns. "My Country, 'tis of Thee" has no place in public worship, he said.

If that man had been a closer student of the Psalms, he would not have made such a criticism. Most patriotic hymns are really prayers for one's native land; Psalms 105 and 106 are only two of a number of Psalms which are in the best sense of the word patriotic.

If the reader will look through the Psalms for himself, noting all the references to God and to Israel, remembering that Israel was the name of the poet's country, he will be convinced that in those times as in these, love for God and love for country are singular.

Hallelujah

When our Lord had his "Last Supper," he and his friends would sing these very Psalms. The "hymn" they sang before they went out was very probably the latter part of this group, 116-118, always sung at the end of the Passover meal.

The note of praise in these Psalms is very strong. They are not in a minor key.

Parodies

A SAD FACT today is that the un-Christian world, which does not understand religion at all, has taken over our religious holidays and leaves the religion out. The result is a parody, something without rhyme or reason. Take a look, next winter, at Christmas greeting cards for sale. You will find scotch puppets, all sorts of things, more easily than you will find true Christmas messages.

For people who are not Christians, Christmas is only Xmas, a time for exchanging useless presents, a time for shopkeepers to make money.

And as for Easter, there are cities where the big items are only the burlesque and the parade, neither of which has the slightest thing to do with the real Easter.

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Greatest Call  
For New Workers  
In Accountancy

NEW YORK.—The honeymoon in job placement is over, and the "boys are actually letting the employers interview them," says Robert F. Moore, director of placement, Columbia University.

Job placements, Moore reports, are a little better than the last normal year, 1939-40. The greatest demand seems to be in accountancy. Salaries range from \$225 to \$450 a month, depending upon the profession and the educational qualifications of the student.

Each year Moore conducts a career clinic at Columbia. For eight weeks college students hear from leading industrial, management, personnel and professional figures get down to cases in advising which way to go, what to study to prepare for a career, where to look for a job and how to get a job.

These clinics have proved so successful, says Moore, he has written a book, "How to Blueprint Your Success," which probably will be the basis of a credit course he plans to offer at Columbia. Only one other university in the country, Indiana—offers such a course for credit.

Should Study Aims

Here's what Moore tells the boys in his career clinics: Ask yourself: "What am I? What do I want? Where do I fit?"

Most people fail in a job, he says, not for lack of skill, but for failure to possess such personal qualities as the ability to express oneself orally and in writing; ability to get along with people; patience in obtaining job offers; perseverance; alert minds; not necessarily Phi Beta Kappa, but more than merely willing to get by; proper attitudes and mobility.

The interview is the first important step in getting a job. It's a 50-50 proposition. The employer finds out what you have to sell; he can use. The interview discovers whether the company offers opportunities to satisfy his aims, interests and qualifications.

Certain Qualities

The employer wants to know

Illusions Are Normal,  
Optimists Are Lots of Fun

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—If you're normal, if you don't, you're not. That is the state of affairs at Franklin Institute here.

The institute put on the largest collection of illusions on earth to prove that illusions are normal, and fun.

There was an uphill goldfish bowl, a room that tilted the rest of the world crazily, a stationary automobile that moved and roared that were there, only weren't. Or you could watch a talking head—with no body to support it—or a motionless flag appearing to wave.

Psychologists estimate that 20 per cent of the population is illusion blind and can't recognize them. If one sees an illusion it proves normal.

It's time to worry when one doesn't see them.

The illusions at the institute were baffling, until they were explained. It was puzzling to pass your hand through a pot of roses and never touch a rose. They weren't in the pot. They were behind it. It was ridiculously easy to understand.

The same explanation disclosed the secret of the talking head, the head seen at nearly every exhibition. The body belonging to the head was cleverly concealed in a glass case.

Elderly Ladies Hitch-Hike  
Distance of 1,616 Miles

MOBILE, ALA.—A Canadian mother and grandmother, both in their 70's, completed a 1,616-mile trip that cost them only \$11.75.

The sisters made the entire trip

## from Ottawa to Mobile by thumbing it, thereby fulfilling a lifelong ambition to take a hitchhiking trip.

The two, Mrs. Mattie E. Thompson, 74, and Mrs. Pearl Empey, 52, live in Ottawa. They came to meet Theodore to visit a brother, W. W. Macie, whom they hadn't seen in 47 years. Mrs. Thompson has five grandchildren.

"Everyone was very nice to us," they said, "and nothing unusual happened."

Altogether they caught 45 rides, one of them on a truck in Pennsylvania. The longest ride was 346 miles from Rogersville, Tenn., to Birmingham.

They covered the entire distance in five days.

Huntsville was not only the city in which Alabama's first constitutional convention was held, but it furnished the president of that assembly, John W. Walker. Walker also became one of Alabama's first two senators after gaining statehood.

Gov. John W. Gayle was the first of this state's early chief

executives to urge far reaching reforms in Alabama's penal system. He served as governor from 1831 through 1835.

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## KINSTON NEWS

Mrs. Zedie Lock, of Columbus, Ga., visited her mother, Mrs. Martin, over the week-end.

Mr. and V. J. Fuller visited relatives and friends here last week-end.

Pte Harold Martin who is stationed at Tucson, Arizona, is spending a two week furlough with his mother, Mrs. Allie Martin.

William Bedsole, of Chicago, Ill. is her spending a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. D. C. Blankenship, of Cragford is spending some time here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Fannie Rice of Pensacola, Fla., spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Albert Leclair.

Friends of Dewey Adams are glad to learn that he is home after a few days illness at an Andalusia hospital.

Mrs. Lois Rhodes, of Sarasota, Fla., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Anderson.

We regret very much to learn the death of Winford Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Davis.

SHORT STORIES

Best  
Alibi

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

MAX SANDERS' home had been robbed of jewels valued at \$50,000. The jewels were kept in a wall safe behind a picture in Max's study, which was located on the second floor of his Beverly Hills home.

Inspector Ray Beatty was assigned to the case. Leo MacDougal, a police officer, who had been summoned from his beat, showed Inspector Beatty the evidence.

That had first been discovered. First there was a ladder placed against a window that opened into a second floor hall. This window had been discovered open.

Inspector Beatty told MacDougal to summon all the servants. Then he questioned them. They all had good excuses. Sid Furbush, a secretary, had spent the night at the movies with a friend, Edwards, the butler, had read in his room until Mr. and Mrs. Sanders returned from a party, when he admitted them.

It was right after that, that Mrs. Sanders went to the safe to replace the jewels she had worn, and found the others gone.

"How do you know that? You can't prove it."

"I won't have to. What I can prove is that no one came up the ladder at the foot of the ladder. There was mud. There's mud on your shoes. The shoes fit the footprints at the foot of the ladder. Yes, there is no mud at all on the rungs of the ladder. If there had been I would have probably been fooled and not

Martha Greene, the housekeeper, had been in her room all evening. Her room was located on the second floor. She had gone down to

"The robbery was committed before you placed the ladder there."

"The kitchen about 10 o'clock for tea to eat and found Viola Mason, the maid, there with her boy friend. Returning, Martha had passed Edwards' room and seen Edwards sitting by the table, reading."

INSPECTOR BEATTY dismissed the servants and went back to the study. He examined every inch of it. Then he went into the hall and examined that. He also examined the window and the ladder and the ground below the window. It had rained a little the night before and he found some footprints beside the ladder. They looked like men's footprints.

Inspector Beatty sought out Sid Furbush. He asked the secretary if Max Sanders held business conferences in his study. Furbush said that he did.

"The chances are, then, that he's had occasion to open the safe when others were present?"

"It's quite likely."

"I want as complete a list as you can make me of all the people you've known to be in the study during the past month."

Inspector Beatty left Sid Furbush making out the list, summoned MacDougal and went down the hall. He entered one door after the next, first knocking to make sure the room was empty. Presently he returned to the hall, bearing a pair of shoes.

Carrying the shoes he returned to the study and asked Furbush if they were his shoes.

"Why, yes," said Furbush. "Why? Where did you get them?"

"Out of my closet. I searched the closets of all the servants till I found a pair of shoes with some mud on the soles. It was you who committed the robbery."

"You're crazy. That's a cockeyed theory. The robber came up the ladder."

"No," said Inspector Beatty, "that's only what you expected to believe. That's why you put the ladder there and left the window open. The robbery was committed before you placed the ladder there."

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## People, Spoils in The News

FOOTBALL violence at the plate. Halstead (right) of Chicago Cubs bowls over Ray Mueller of Giants, scores.

"Did you ever hear of Thornton Winthrop?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," the cabbie replied.

"Wonderful man, isn't he?"

"He certainly is."

"Handsome, too, eh?"

"Yes sir, and doesn't he know it."

PREMATURE

GLAMOR suds for cool-off bubble bath of tiny Phillip Bloom of Miami were whipped up from Mama's dishwashing chips. Suits him!

ELECTED managing director for production of RKO Radio Pictures, industrialist, heavy schedule last year.

NEIGHBORS—Fellow-Monkeys of Isaac Hoover drove up to his farm near Lancaster, Pa., in their buggies and in one day built him a new barn to replace one that had burned down a few weeks before. There were 300 pairs of willing hands.

Destination Unknown

A husband was dressing and couldn't find his collar button. I couldn't find his collar button. I couldn't find his collar button. I couldn't find his collar button.

Next morning the husband came to the breakfast table mumbled: "What's the matter?" asked his wife.

"I swallowed my collar button."

"Well, at least for once you know where it is."

CROWDED

"Did you get home all right last night, sir?" asked the bus driver of one of his regular passengers.

"Yes, of course," replied the passenger. "Why shouldn't I have gotten home all right?"

"Well, there were just the two of us on the bus last night and you insisted that I take your seat."

Falling in Line

A man and his wife were arguing. "And another thing I want to tell you," she said. "I've noticed every time you talk you say my name, my automobile, my chair, my shoes—everything's yours. You never say ours. I'm your partner. I'm your wife. I'm your mother."

The husband paid no attention to her, just kept looking forward. "What are you looking for?"

"Our pants!"

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It has been estimated that 50 million dollars in tourist money was spent in Alabama in 1948.

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